

Hamilton County Community Development Board Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place - Hamilton County Jury Room  
February 9, 2015  
12:00 p.m.

Steve Phillips, Chairman  
Michele Boy, Board Member  
Mike Lewis, Board Member

Steve Schell, Board Member  
Sarah Schwieterman, Board Member  
Leslie Carlholm, Com. Dev. Director

Board Member Lewis called the Meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. Present were Board Members Boy, Lewis, and Schell. Board Members Phillips and Schwieterman were absent. Also present were Erik Pedersen, Director of Entrepreneurship E-Communities for Network Kansas, and Community Development Director Carlholm.

AGENDA: Boy moved to approve the agenda as presented. Schell seconded the Motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Schell moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting as presented. Boy seconded the Motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved.

E-COMMUNITIES: Eric Pedersen shared information with the Board regarding the Network Kansas E-Communities Program. The E-Communities program is funded through the sale of tax credits. There is a competitive application process to become a E-Community. Communities that are selected to participate in the program use the funds generated from their sale of approved tax credits to fund a locally controlled revolving loan fund. Pedersen left the meeting

COMMUNITY ATTITUDE & ASSESSMENT SURVEY: Carlholm presented the board with a draft community survey. Board members will review the survey for possible changes in advance of the March meeting. Once the survey is finalized, Carlholm will pursue having it translated into Spanish. Although hard copies of the survey will be made available, participants will be encouraged to complete the survey online.

HOTEL: The Board discussed the need for a local champion to move the project forward. No official action was taken.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND REQUESTS: There were no public concerns or requests to bring before the Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Carlholm updated the Board on her concerns regarding the wKREDA organization and her participation in the recent legislative session in Topeka. The Board encouraged Carlholm to proceed with writing letters in support of continuing the ROZ Student Loan Repayment Program..

As there was no more business to come before the board Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Boy seconded the motion. The vote was called and the motion was unanimously approved. Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Community Development Director

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Board Chairman

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Date